GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PARTICIPATION OF MP IN DEVELOPMENT WORK
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of participation of the Member of Parliament in development works being carried out by the Government in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether complaints have been received for not taking Members of Parliament in confidence by the State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure proper participation of Members of Parliament.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d): The major development schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are implemented through the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/Zilla Parishads. The Members of Parliament are the Members of the Governing body of DRDAs, which provide policy directions to the DRDAs as may be necessary from time to time, approve the Annual Plan and also review, and monitor the implementation of different programmes.

The Ministry of Rural Development have also reconstituted the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees to ensure quality expenditure and monitor the implementation of Rural Development Schemes at the District level under the Chairmanship of Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha). All Members of Parliament have been assigned a crucial role in the reconstituted Vigilance and Monitoring Committees so as to make the programmes more effective and result oriented.

Some of the Members of Parliament have been raising concern that some State Governments/District authorities have not taken adequate steps to hold timely meetings of the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees. State/District authorities have been impressed upon by the Ministry of Rural Development to facilitate holding regular meetings of the Committees and ensure that follow up action taken may be reported in the format prescribed for the purpose.